

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 5, with the following rewritten paragraph:

CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION

This The present application is a divisional under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) of prior application Serial No. 10/655,675, filed September 4, 2003, by Masamichi Fujiwara et al. entitled “MULTI-WAVELENGTH GENERATING METHOD AND APPARATUS BASED ON FLATTENING OF OPTICAL SPECTRUM” which is a divisional of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/900,613, filed July 6, 2001, by Masamichi Fujiwara et al. entitled “MULTI-WAVELENGTH GENERATING METHOD AND APPARATUS BASED ON FLATTENING OF OPTICAL SPECTRUM” which is based on and claims priority to Japanese Patent Application Nos. 2000-207475 and 2000-207494 both filed July 7, 2000, 2000-218424 filed July 19, 2000 and 2000-266125 filed September 1, 2000, and which is also based on Japanese Patent Application Nos. 2001-199790 and 2001-199791, both filed June 29, 2001 the content of which is all of the above applications being hereby incorporated hereinto by reference.